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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks. This Response is being timely filed within 3 months of the mailing date of the Office Action, so that no extension fee applies.